

Tools for schools: voice recognition, text-to-speech & word prediction products

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This session was looking at Assistive Technology for students with literacy difficulties. It was recommended for upper primary +.

Mel Holland from the MOE has evaluated and compared the programmes for:

- voice recognition;
 - SpeakQ <http://www.wordq.com/index.html> - \$200 - \$550
 - Microsoft Vista nad Windows 7 <http://www.microsoft.com> – free
 - Dragon version 10
<http://www.nuance.com/naturallyspeaking/products/default.asp> - \$350-\$1500
- text-to-speech – all versions are freeware;
 - Natural Reader
 - Read Please
 - Word Talk – www.wordtalk.co.uk
 - DSpeech
- literacy support with word prediction;
 - WordQ - \$400
 - TextHelp Read & Write 9 Gold - \$998
 - Claro Read - \$360
 - Kurzweil 3000 version 11 - \$450

If you require a copy of the MOE comparisons or more information about these progarmmes contact Jane at Winchester Rural School or email Melanie Holland at mel.holland@minedu.govt.nz requesting the information from Tolls for schools – Learning@schools 2010